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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT, RECONSTRUCTED FROM
EXTENSIVE NOTES, OF THE COMMENTS BY BRADY TYSON, MEMBER OF THE
U.S. DELEGATION, BEFORE THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MARCH 8,
1977, SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE CHILE RESOLUTION. (THERE MAY
HAVE BEEN A FEW ADLIBS, OF PHRASES ADDED OR DELETED, BUT
NON SIGNIFICANT.)

2. BEGIN TEXT.

"THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED
TO ANNOUNCE, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM OUR GOVERN-
MENT, THAT WE WILL SUPPORT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION THAT
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY, AND AGAIN, IS PLEASED
TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS CO-SPONSORING
THE RESOLUTION, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED FORMALLY IN
A FEW MINUTES BY THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE FROM
SWEDEN.

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WE WANTED MOREOVER, TO PLACE THIS DECISION IN
WHAT WE SEE AS THE MOST PROMISING PATH OF FUTURE
WORK FOR THIS COMMISSION, AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE
NEW EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN U.S. FOREIGN
POLICY.

WE CHOOSE NOT TO REPEAT, OR EMPHASIZE, THE SAD
STORY OF TORTURE AND OTHER INHUMAN AND DEGRADING

TREATMENT OF DETAINEES AND PRISONERS HERE, THAT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY COLLECTED BY THE WORKING GROUP ABOUT CHILE. THE STORY OF ATROCITIES IN THE MODERN WORLD IS ALREADY PAST ENCYCLOPEDIA LENGTH, AND MANY OF THESE STORIES HAVE BEEN REPEATED HERE TODAY ALREADY. INSTEAD, WE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS OURSELVES, PRIMARILY, TO A SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS.

THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON CHILE ARE WITHIN THE PRIORITIES AS THIS DELEGATION SEES THEM; THAT WE HAVE MENTIONED BEFORE IN THIS COMMISSION: UNDER POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS, THE VIOLATIONS OF TORTURE, UNEXPLAINED MISSING PERSONS, AND POLITICAL ASSASSINATION SEEM TO US TO BE THE PRINCIPAL VIOLATIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED ON A PRIORITY BASIS. WE CAN FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON THESE BECAUSE THERE ARE VIOLATIONS THAT THE WHOLE WORLD REPUDIATES, AND ON WHICH WE PROBABLY CAN ALMOST ALWAYS ACHIEVE A BROAD CONSENSUS.

TO FURTHER THE WORK OF THIS COMMISSION, WE HOPE THAT A NEW OR EXPANDED ATTITUDE OF PROBLEM-SOLVING, RATHER THAN ACCUSATION, A SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS RATHER THAN A SINGLING-OUT OF A FEW NATIONS AND LABELING THEM AS CRIMINAL NATIONS, CAN BE CONTINUED. WE BELIEVE THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE FRUITFUL SOMETIMES TO FOCUS ON PROBLEMS THAT EXIST IN MANY COUNTRIES RATHER THAN ON A FEW SPECIFIC COUNTRIES--PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT MANY COUNTRIES, MOST COUNTRIES, AND ALL NATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS SOMETIMES. PERHAPS, IN THE WORLD SITUATION TODAY, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS THAN TO CONDEMN AND PROSECUTE A FEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENTS.

WE HAVE ENDEAVORED TO APPLY THE SINGLE STANDARD, WITH PRIORITIES, TO SUPER POWERS, AND TO ALL NATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS OR ALMOST ALL GOVERNMENTS, WANT TO FULFILL THEIR COMMITMENTS TO HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER THE UN CHARTER, BUT THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS HAVE DIFFICULTIES, AND THAT NO GOVERNMENTS HAVE COMPLETELY CLEAN HANDS.

IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR THE UNITED STATES NOT TO DISCUSS ANYTHING ABOUT LATIN AMERICA. BUT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW WE DO NOT KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS. AND SO WE EXPRESS OUR CONCERN.

WE FOCUS ON TORTURE, MISSING PERSONS AND POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS BECAUSE THESE SEEM TO US TO BE NOT ONLY THE MOST BARBARIC FORMS OF VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT TO HAVE LARGER CONSEQUENCES, AS WELL. TORTURE NOT ONLY DEHUMANIZES THE TORTURED, BUT ALSO THE ONES WHO TORTURE, THE BYSTANDERS, AND

THOSE WHO KNOW THAT TORTURE EXISTS BUT SAY NOTHING.
TORTURE IS USED TO INTIMIDATE AS OFTEN AS IT IS USED
TO EXTRACT INFORMATION--INTIMIDATE SOMETIMES A WHOLE
GROUP OF PEOPLE BY FEAR. TORTURE IS USED TO INTIMI-
DATE POTENTIAL DISSENTERS, PERHAPS ESPECIALLY THE
SPOKESMEN OF THE POOR AND THE OPPRESSED.

IN DISCUSSING CHILE WE WOULD BE LESS THAN
CANDID, AND UNTRUE TO OURSELVES AND TO OUR PEOPLE,
IF THE DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES DID NOT IN
ANY DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION IN CHILE EXPRESS
ITS PROFOUNDEST REGRETS FOR THE ROLE THAT SOME U.S.
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AGENCIES AND PRIVATE GROUPS
PLAYED IN THE SUBVERSION OF THE PREVIOUS, DEMOCRATICALLY-
ELECTED, CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, THAT WAS OVERTHROWN BY
THE COUP OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1973.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE EXPRESSION OF REGRETS,
HOWEVER PROFOUND, CANNOT CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY
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TO UNDOING THE SUFFERING AND TERROR THAT THE PEOPLE
OF CHILE HAVE EXPERIENCED. WE CAN ONLY SAY THAT
THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS
BELIEVED IN DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE AND FREEDOM FOR ALL,
AND THAT THE POLICIES AND PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR
THOSE ACTS HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE IN A DEMOCRATIC, OPEN AND FREE NATIONAL
ELECTION. AND THAT, MANY INVESTIGATIONS OF THOSE
U.S. POLICIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE, SOME LAWS HAVE
BEEN CHANGED, SOME NEW LAWS HAVE BEEN PASSED, AND
THAT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT ALL SECTORS OF THE GOVERN-
MENT AND PRIVATE SPHERE WILL HENCEFORTH AVOID SUCH
ACTIONS TO THE DETRIMENT OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN
RIGHTS. AND THAT, AS THE PEOPLE OF CHILE WELL
KNOW, THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN WITHOUT THEIR FRIENDS
AND ADVOCATES AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THEIR
STRUGGLE TO BE A MORE DEMOCRATIC AND JUST NATION.

THE DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES WOULD
LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT AS DESPICABLE
AS WERE THE ACTS OF SUBVERSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS OF CHILE, TAKEN BY CERTAIN U.S. OFFICIALS,
AGENCIES AND PRIVATE GROUPS, IT IS DUBIOUS THAT THESE
ACTS WERE THE SOLE CAUSE OF THE COUP, OR PERHAPS
EVEN A DETERMINING FACTOR. WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO

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ACCEPT OUR SHARE OF NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, BUT
THERE ARE ALSO OTHER GROUPS, ESPECIALLY CHILEAN
GROUPS, THAT ARE ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN
RIGHTS IN CHILE.

FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR
THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS APPLY, IN VARYING DEGREES,
TO SOME CASES OF RECENT RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS
BESIDE CHILE. WE INVITE THE CONTINUED SCRUTINY AND
CRITICISM OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS WE
CONTINUE OUR NATIONAL QUEST FOR THE BEST WAY TO USE
OUR POWER AND INFLUENCE FOR THE JUSTICE AND PEACE,
AND THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, OF THE WHOLE
WORLD.

INDEED, WE BELIEVE THAT WE THRIVE ON CRITICISM,
AS LONG AS IT IS HONEST, AND BALANCED, AND OPEN TO
RECIPROCITY.

THE DIFFICULT PERIOD OF NATIONAL TRIALS AND
TESTING, THAT PERHAPS BEGAN WITH THE VIET NAM WAR,
AND CONTINUED THROUGH THE PERIOD OF WATERGATE AND
OTHER SCANDALS, HAVE LEFT US A MORE DETERMINED,
A MORE HUMBLE, AND PERHAPS EVEN MORE POWERFUL
NATION. LET US ALL HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES--
ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS--WILL NOW
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BE ABLE TO KEEP THE COMMITMENTS OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT,
CHOSEN BY OUR PEOPLE, TO PURSUE THE PROMOTION AND
AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALL NATIONS, IN AN
EVENHANDED, OPEN WAY, AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL
COMPONENTS OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

WE CONSIDER THE REPORT BEFORE US TO BE PRUDENT,

CAUTIOUS AND FAIR. WE CONSIDER THE FORTHCOMING RESOLUTION TO BE A USEFUL MESSAGE TO THE CHILEAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE WORKING GROUP THAT HAS PREPARED THIS REPORT, AND TO THE MANY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION OF MATERIAL FOR IT. WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO THE VICARIA DE LA SOLIDARIDAD IN CHILE, THAT HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN RECENT YEARS, AND TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS THAT HAS BEEN SO ATTENTIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE, AND SO HELPFUL IN TRYING TO LOCATE THE MANY MISSING PERSONS.

WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS COOPERATED IN MANY WAYS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. FURTHERMORE, WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THE MANY ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE A LEGITIMATE CONCERN OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

BUT THE U.S. DELEGATION WANTS TO EXPRESS ITS CONTINUING CONCERN IN CERTAIN AREAS.

THE LARGE NUMBER OF UNEXPLAINED "MISSING PERSONS," AND THE ALLEGATIONS THAT SOME OF THESE HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED BY SECURITY FORCES, AND OTHERS ARE HELD IN SECRET CONCENTRATION CAMPS. THE FREQUENT ALLEGATIONS THAT TORTURE, AND OTHER FORMS OF INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT OF PRISONERS, CONTINUES. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALLEGATIONS THAT CHILEAN SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS HAVE PLOTTED AND ACTED AGAINST CHILEAN EXILES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, AGAINST THE LAWS OF THOSE COUNTRIES. THAT THE STATE OF SEIGE CONTINUES, THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT INSISTS THE COUNTRY IS PACIFIED. THAT NO TIMETABLE HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC FOR THE LEGALIZATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES, NOR THE RETURN TO FREE ELECTIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRADITIONAL CHILEAN DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES. THAT THE POVERTY OF MANY CHILEANS CONTINUES, AND PERHAPS HAS WORSENERED, IN RECENT YEARS.

THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE IN CHILE TODAY OF POLITICAL REPRESSION, TORTURE, MISSING PERSONS HELD BY STATE SECURITY FORCES, AND THE VIOLATION OR DENIAL OF OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IS--UNFORTUNATELY--NOT AN ISOLATED PROBLEM, AND CANNOT BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED AS SUCH.

MY DELEGATION WANTS TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN OVER

CONTINUED REPORTS OF SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN NEIGHBORING NATIONS, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF ALLEGATIONS THAT THESE PROBLEMS MAY BE PARTIALLY CAUSED BY SECRET COOPERATION AMONG SOME MILITARY, POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE GROUPS AND PERSONS IN SEVERAL NATIONS. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THESE PERSISTENT REPORTS ARE TRUE, BUT IT SEEMS TO US THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT GROUND FOR AN OPEN INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY IF, INDEED, SUCH COOPERATION TO VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS--INCLUDING THE KIDNAPPING AND -DISAPPEARANCE OF POLITICAL REFUGEES, THE TORTURE AND OTHER INHUMAN TREATMENT OF THE SAME, AND THE ASSASSINATION OF OTHER POLITICAL REFUGEES--DOES EXIST ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT, IF THERE IS ANY BASIS IN FACT FOR SUCH ALLEGATIONS, SUCH GROUPS MAY INDEED BE SEMI-AUTONOMOUS, OR PRIVATE, AND NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CHIEF OF STATE OF ANY PARTICULAR COUNTRY.

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IT OPPORTUNE AT THIS MOMENT TO MENTION SOME OTHER SITUATIONS IN NEIGHBORING NATIONS TO CHILE THAT MIGHT BE RELATED IN THE WAY JUST MENTIONED, BUT AT THE VERY LEAST REPRESENT MANIFESTATIONS OF VERY SIMILAR PROBLEMS THAT SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED BY THIS COMMISSION.

WE CALL THESE PROBLEMS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMISSION BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THEY MAY BE LINKED TO THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN CHILE, BUT WE DO NOT INTEND TO INDICT OR CONDEMN ANY GOVERNMENT. MY GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS POSSIBLE. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS INDICATED THAT HE WILL FEEL FREE, IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED STATES, TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN--AND THAT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE--ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN EVERY PART OF THE WORLD. BUT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO PURSUE AMICABLE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONS ON ALL OTHER MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

NO OTHER SITUATION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE HAS RECEIVED THE INTENSIVE STUDY THAT THE SITUATION IN CHILE HAS. THEREFORE CONCLUSIONS AS TO THE CAUSES AND BLAME IN OTHER CASES, WHERE THE STUDY BY A UN AGENCY HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE, SHOULD BE VERY TENTATIVE AND CAUTIOUS. WE DRAW NO SUCH CONCLUSIONS--AS TO CAUSES OR BLAME--TODAY. WE ONLY WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO SOME PROBLEMS.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES HAS VERY RECENTLY PUBLICLY STATED THE CONCERN OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ABOUT THE PERSISTENT ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE, UNEXPLAINED MISSING PERSONS, POLITICAL

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ASSASSINATIONS AND OTHER ALLEGED GROSS AND MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE POLITICAL AND CIVIL DEMOCRATIC TRADITION OF THE PEOPLE OF URUGUAY IS TOO STRONG, HAS BEEN TESTED AND FOUND WORTHY, TOO OFTEN, TO NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE SOON AGAIN TOWARDS DEMOCRACY AND THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ALSO RECENTLY EXPRESSED THE CONCERN OF THE U.S. OVER THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA. TO US, THE PRESENT SITUATION OF WIDESPREAD TORTURE, UNEXPLAINED MISSING PERSONS, AND POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS IN ARGENTINA SEEMS MORE SERIOUS THAN EVEN THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN CHILE AND URUGUAY.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT IT IS FACING A SITUATION OF ORGANIZED, ARMED INSURRECTION, OR GUERRILLA WARFARE. AS IN THE CASE OF ALLEGATIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC CASES OF TORTURE, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO EVALUATE--IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONFLICTING CLAIMS--THE CLAIM OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. WE ARE CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT THE DAILY TERROR IN ARGENTINA CONSTITUTES A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM. IT MAY BE, AS SOME HAVE CLAIMED, THAT THESE

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ACTS ARE DONE BY ILLEGAL TERRORIST GROUPS OF THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT. OR, IT MAY BE--AS SOME OTHERS CLAIM-- THAT THESE ARE REALLY OFF-DUTY MILITARY AND POLICE GROUPS. BUT, WHATEVER THE CAUSES, THE VIOLATIONS APPEAR TO BE GROSS AND MASSIVE.

TO ILLUSTRATE THE POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF "MISSING PERSONS," I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION TWO RECENT, SPECIFIC CASES.

THE FIRST CASE IS OF DR. MAURICIO LOPEZ--A PERSONAL FREIND OF MINE, AND ALSO OF AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG. HE WAS KIDNAPPED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JANUARY 1ST FROM HIS HOME IN ARGENTINA. A FEW DAYS LATER, A LETTER FROM HIM THAT HAD BEEN MAILED IN CHILE WAS RECEIVED BY HIS FAMILY. SINCE THEN, IN SPITE OF MANY LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS FROM FRIENDS IN AND OUTSIDE ARGENTINA, INCLUDING A GROUP OF AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN, NO WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS.

THE SECOND CASE IS THAT OF DR. AGUSTIN GOIBURU, A PHYSICIAN OF PARAGUAYAN NATIONALITY. HE SERVED TWO YEARS IN A PARAGUAYAN PRISON FOR POLITICAL DISSENTS BEFORE HE ESCAPED AND WAS GIVEN THE STATUS OF POLITICAL REFUGEE IN ARGENTINA. THE VERY DAY THIS COMMISSON BEGAN MEETING THIS YEAR--FEBRUARY 7--HE WAS CALLED TO THE POLICE STATION IN THE TOWN IN ARGENTINA IN WHICH HE LIVED, AND AFTER HAVING BEEN KEPT WAITING SEVERAL HOURS, TOLD THAT THE PAPERS ABOUT WHICH THEY WANTED TO SEE HIM WERE NOT AVAILABLE, AND SENT HOME. TWO DAYS LATER, AS HE WALKED IN THE CENTER OF THE TOWN IN WHICH HE LIVED, HE WAS SEIZED BY TWO MEN WHO SAID (ACCORDING TO BYSTANDERS) THAT THEY WERE POLICE. HE HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE.

THESE TWO CASES ILLUSTRATE THAT "MISSING PERSONS" IS NOT A NATIONAL PROBLEM: A PARAGUAYAN KIDNAPPED IN ARGENTINA, AND AN ARGENTINE KIDNAPPED AND PERHAPS TAKEN IN CHILE.

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CONCERNED FROM SOME YEARS WITH THE PERSISTENT REPORTS OF TORTURE, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, BY SOME POLICE AND MILITARY GROUPS AND PERSONNEL IN BRAZIL. TWO PRIESTS HAVE BEEN KILLED--APPARENTLY BY POLICE-- DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. TWO BISHOPS HAVE BEEN ARBITRARILY DETAINED BRIEFLY, AND MISTREATED.

IN DECEMBER A GROUP OF ALLEGED SUBVERSIVES WERE CAPTURED IN A GUN BATTLE IN WHICH SOME OF THEM WERE KILLED AFTER THEIR DETENTION, AND SEVERAL MORE ARE STILL BEGIN SUBJECTED TO BRUTAL TORTURE. SOME SPOKES-MEN OF SOME ELEMENTS OF THE BRAZILIAN ARMY SAY THAT

THESE MEN ARE COMMUNISTS. BUT WE BELIEVE THAT NO ONE, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, SHOULD BE TORTURED. WE DO KNOW, AS HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE BRAZILIAN PRESS, THAT SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO SEE THEIR LAWYERS--EVEN THOUGH THE SIGNS OF TORTURE WERE WERE STILL VISIBLE ON THEIR BODIES AND FACES. THERE ARE MANY OTHER ALLEGATIONS ABOUT MISSING PERSONS IN BRAZIL. WE DO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO REGULARIZE AND COMPLETE ITS CONTROL OVER ALL ITS MILITARY, INTELLIGENCE AND POLICE GROUPS, AND THAT TORTURE IS REPUDIATED BY THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THESE GROUPS.

WHAT ARE OUR CONCLUSIONS? WE MUST LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS THAT EXIST IN MANY NATIONS, AND NOT JUST AT SOME NATIONS. THE COMMISSION MUST BROADEN ITS SCOPE, AT THE SAME TIME IT ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES. PERHAPS IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE, AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION, TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP ON TORTURE, MISSING PERSONS, AND POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS THAT COULD RECEIVE ALLEGATIONS OF THESE VIOLATIONS FROM ANY NATION IN THE WORLD.

WE ARE HOPEFUL, OUT OF OUR OWN RECENT NATIONAL EXPERIENCE, THAT--WITH THE HELP AND CONCERN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY--DEMOCRACY AND THE PROTECTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WILL SOON ONCE AGAIN BECOME THE PRINCIPAL GOAL OF ALL THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NATIONS THAT HAVE THE PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE MENTIONED.DURING OUR NATIONAL STRUGGLES TO END THE VIET NAM WAR, AND TO PURGE OURSELVES OF THE SCANDALS OF WATERGATE, AND TO MORE FULLY ACHIEVE HUMAN RIGHTS IN OUR OWN NATION THROUGH THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, WE WERE HEARTENED AND FOUND NEW INSIGHT IN THE CRITICISM--SOMETIMES VERY HARSH--DIRECTED AGAINST US FROM FOREIGN SOURCES, AND INTERNATIONAL GROUPS.

IT IS IN THE SPIRIT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE IS A COMMON CONCERN OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE CHILEAN PEOPLE, THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE, THE URUGUAYAN PEOPLE, THE PARAGUAYAN PEOPLE, AND BRAZILIAN PEOPLE--INDEED OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS THAT WE HAVE MADE THESE REMARKS.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN." END TEXT. CATTO

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